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1. From 8 to 18 September 1952, the former Mehnert factory on Park Strasse, Anna-berg (N 51/K 73), was occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. No heavy weapons were seen. On 9 September, 15 soldiers practiced throwing off hand grenades. On 11 September, 160 soldiers were lined up in front of the administration building.

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2. On 18 September, the former boys' school at the intersection of Voigt Strasse and Michaelis Stollen was occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Four trucks and about 25 dogs were seen in the installation. No heavy weapons were noticed. About 280 soldiers marched from the installation to the cinema.

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3. Individual groups numbering up to 70 soldiers were repeatedly observed engaged in combat training, drilling or advanced combat practice firing at the training area on Pochlberg.

4. Restricted Area I in Auerbach (N 51/K 32) was occupied to capacity by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with motor transport, artillery construction engineer, signal or medical insignia. A unit of 50 officers and about 500 soldiers in 12 groups left installation toward Rodewisch for a night practice. Motor vehicles

were seen.

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5. On 13 September, Restricted Area II in Auerbach was partially occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 600 soldiers carrying either rifles or submachine guns were observed drilling at the barracks yard, maintaining motor vehicles and loading coming and leaving trucks.

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6. On 9 September, the barracks installation at Pit No 60 southwest of Eibenstocker Strasse, Johanngeorgenstadt (N 51/X 51) was partially occupied by about 500 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 200 soldiers were daily observed leaving the installation on trucks or, in groups up to 40 men, marching out to relieve the guard.⁴

7. On 9 September, the barracks installation west of the town hall in Johanngeorgenstadt was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 9 September, about 30 officers and four companies each of about 160 soldiers carrying rifles, submachine guns, light machine guns and heavy machine guns entered the installation.⁴

8. On 9 September, the Box Furniture factory at the intersection of Linden Strasse and Karl Marx Strasse, Johanngeorgenstadt, was partially occupied by about 50X1-HUM 250 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 30 soldiers were engaged in maintaining motor vehicles including truck

9. On 9 September, the former Wendler factory in the extension of the Linden Strasse was only partially occupied by about 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with motor transport, artillery, construction engineer, signal or medical insignia. There was but little activity except for drivers' training and maintenance work daily involving about 200 soldiers. The orderly rooms of the installation, previously rather crowded, were vacant. Motor vehicles

were seen.⁵

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10. On 12 September, the Kleine Kaserne southwest of the Aue (N 51/X 53) - Schneeberg road was occupied to capacity by about 2,000 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 1,000 soldiers in groups of 20 or 40 men carrying rifles and submachine guns including some with light equipment daily left the installation toward Oberschlern-Schneeberg for practices.⁶

11. From 3 to 12 September, about 50 to 60 and 200 to 300 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets were daily seen in the high building southwest of the Kleine Kaserne. No training activity was observed, but numerous trucks and sedans as well as tank trucks and ambulances were parked in the installation. Motor vehicles driving to, and from, the Kleine Kaserne and the high building

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12. From 3 to 12 September, the Neue Kaserne south of the Aue-Schwarzenberg railroad line was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with motor transport, artillery, construction engineer, signal and medical insignia. About 700 soldiers daily entered and left the installation either unarmed on trucks and busses or marching in groups of 20 to 40 men carrying rifles and including some with light equipment toward Schwarzenberg for practices. Eight colonels, 4 lieutenant colonels and 12 majors including some administration officers were daily seen walking to the installation. Women were noticed in one wing of the installation. There was intensive vehicular traffic.

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13. On 12 September, the former Kutscher factory north of the Schwarzenberg (N 51/K 52) railroad station was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 700 soldiers were daily seen entering and leaving the installation either with rifles on trucks or marching in groups of 4 to 12 men with rifles to relieve the guard in the pits and in groups of 16 to 40 men with rifles including some with light equipment for drilling and training in firing. Motor vehicle nos. [redacted]

[redacted] were seen.⁹

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14. On 4 September, the barracks installation on both sides of Lenin Strasse in Annaberg (N 51/K 73) was partially occupied by 800 to 1,000 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. One officer and 40 soldiers were observed during instruction on caps and about 500 soldiers entering and leaving the installation on trucks or marching with rifles to relieve the guard at the pits. Sedans [redacted] were parked in front of the installation.¹⁰

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15. On 4 September, the former boys' school at the intersection of Voigt Strasse and Michaelis Stollen in Annaberg was partially occupied by about 200 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 20 soldiers entered and left the installation to relieve the guard at the pits. About 20 soldiers were busy with small ammunition boxes. No vehicular traffic was noticed.²

16. On 4 September, the former Mehnert factory on Park Strasse in Annaberg was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Three colonels and 10 majors were seen at the installation. Four companies each of about 150 soldiers with rifles, submachine guns, light machine guns and heavy machine guns including 1 major and 30 other officers entered the installation, coming from the south. [redacted]

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[redacted] and others [redacted] carrying a total of about 120 soldiers entered the installation. A little later, a column of about 14 trucks carrying a total of 350 soldiers with rifles and submachine guns left the installation toward the barracks installation on both sides of Lenin Strasse. The column was led by sedan [redacted] and included trucks [redacted]

[redacted] and other vehicles. [redacted] were seen driving to, and from, the installation.⁴

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17. On 3 September, the barracks installation between Voigt Strasse and Kleinrueckerswolder Strasse was occupied to capacity by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with motor transport, artillery, construction engineer, signal and medical insignia. About 600 unarmed soldiers entered and left the installation on trucks. Forty soldiers organized in platoons were practicing with rifles.¹¹

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18. In early September 1952 [redacted] the motor pool on Jungfernstieg housed only a repair shop and no quarters. Noise of work was heard in sheds and brick buildings. Numerous trucks, most with four-digit numbers, entered and left the installation.¹²

19. On 16 September, the Kleine Kaserne on the Aue-Schneeberg road was occupied by about 350 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets who were employed as guard details at the pits in the Aue area. Motor vehicles [redacted]

[redacted] were seen.⁵

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20. On 10 September, the Neue Kaserne south of the Aue-Schwarzenberg road was occupied by about 500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson and red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]

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21. From 1 to 11 September, the AA gun emplacement north of the Aue-Oberfarnenstiel-Fruenhaien road was occupied by about 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia and 5 x 76-mm AA guns. The AA gun emplacement is located exactly 1 1/2 km east of the Aue railroad station and 750 meters west of the Eisenstein (Hill No 510). On 11 September, 16 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in aiming and crankwheel practices on two guns.¹³ From 12 to 17 September, an AA gun emplacement with 5 x 37-mm AA guns and about 750 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia was noticed about 750 meters east of the Schwarzenberg/Neuwelt railroad station and about 500 meters south of Point No 544 west of Beierfeld. On 14 September, 41 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were lined up for an inspection. On 16 September, 15 soldiers were engaged in cleaning guns and small arms.¹⁴

22. From 10 to 16 September, the former Farina factory at the church in Beierfeld was occupied by about 350 recruits and 25 training personnel who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No heavy weapons were seen. The unit was said to be commanded by a Major Rimoneff (Rnu). Eighteen [redacted] trucks were parked in the barracks yard. Two-hundred to 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets received basic drill between 2 a.m. and noon on all days of observation.¹⁵

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23. On 12 September, the barracks installation on the Oberschlema (L 51/K 43) - Aue road was occupied by about 200 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and about 20 dogs. The unit was employed in guarding the pits of the Wismut AG. It had six trucks [redacted]

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24. On 14 September, the Wildbach barracks installation near Oberschlema was occupied by about 150 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets who were employed as guard personnel for the pits. Three trucks [redacted] were seen in the installation.¹⁶

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25. On 2 September, the barracks installation west of the Niederschlema-Aue railroad line was occupied by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets who were employed as checkers and workers in the ore mill. On 5 September, 10 soldiers organized in platoons practiced with small arms. [redacted]

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26. On 11 September, the barracks installation on the Niederschlema-Aue road was occupied by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets who were employed as checkers and workers in the ore mill. [redacted]

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27. On 2 September, the Neue Kaserne between Ribbenstocker Strasse and Dimitroff Strasse in Johanngeorgenstadt was occupied by about 100 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Thirty-five soldiers were daily engaged in maintaining [redacted] trucks. [redacted]

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28. On 2 September, the AA gun emplacement north of Dimitroff Strasse and east of Clockenbierger in Johanngeorgenstadt was occupied by about 70 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 4 x 37-mm AA guns. A soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia stated that the AA gun crews belonged to a unit in Chemnitz (L 51/K 66) and were relieved every six weeks.¹⁷

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30. From 2 to 20 September, the former Kutscher Factory north of the Schwarzenberg railroad station was occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epauletts. The unit was equipped with 5 trucks, 2 sedans, and 1 ambulance. No heavy weapons were noticed. Trucks and motor vehicles were seen.⁹

31. From 2 to 20 September, 6 x 37-mm AA guns and personnel wearing red-bordered black epauletts with artillery insignia were emplaced on the Johannis Hill near Schwarzenberg. The emplacement included quarters which were "burrowed" into the slope. The emplacement was connected with Hill No 514 southwest of Weierfeld by a four-wire telephone line. the personnel of the emplacement rotated about every two weeks. On 2 September, several trucks with billeting equipment were seen on the Lehnberg (hill).¹⁰

32. In late August, an AA gun emplacement with five 85-mm guns and a radio station with dipole antennas was at Hill No 712 in the Brandberg area southwest of Steinheidol (N 51/K 52).²⁰ Another emplacement with dug-in guns was about 500 meters north of the Blaueisenwerk (zafferkblue works) 250 meters southwest of Hill No 409.9 near Aug.¹² numerous AAA units would arrive in Johanngeorgenstadt. He said that, beginning mid-September, units arrived at night. On 17 and 18 September each one train carrying 37-mm AA guns was seen being unloaded at the station.²¹

33. In late August, a unit of about battalion strength equipped with 15 trucks was seen in the former Frankonia Plant in Weierfeld. the unit had arrived there about three months ago.¹⁵

34. On 4 September, the barracks installation south of Gruenstaedtel east of Schwarzenberg on the Leubla-Gruenstaedtel road was occupied by 900 to 1,100 soldiers who wore either red-bordered black epauletts with artillery or engineer insignia or black-bordered crimson epauletts. They included a large number of recruits with cropped hair and training instructors. The unit had about 25 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epauletts received combat training with rifles in the woods close to the installation. Motor vehicle were seen.²²

35. On 29 August, the barracks installation in Breitenbrunn south of Schwarzenberg was occupied by about 1,000 soldiers wearing either black-bordered crimson epauletts or black-bordered black epauletts with engineer insignia. About 100 soldiers organized into groups received field training and were engaged in range estimation.²³

36. On 28 August, the barracks installation in Grandorf south of Schwarzenberg was occupied by about 150 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epauletts. Almost all of them were recruits with cropped hair. Thirty soldiers threw hand grenades and 20 received close-combat training with wooden rifles.

37. On 31 August, the barracks installation in Antonshoehe north of the Hittersgrund - Antonsthal railroad station road west of Hill No 603 was occupied by about 100 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epauletts. Most of them were recruits. Two officers and 50 soldiers practiced firing with live ammunition at the firing range north of the installation near Wagnatenberg. Motor vehicle were seen.²⁴

38. In early September, the barracks installation near Rabenberg south of Breitenbrunn between Hills Nos 732 and 777 which consisted of two new buildings was vacant.²⁵

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